


Fall Hill Avenue Bridge over the Rappahannock Canal

Public Hearing and Information Meeting
October 20, 2011


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Purpose of this Hearing

- ▶ To provide information about the proposed project
 - ▶ To provide opportunity for review of plans and other project documents
 - ▶ To provide opportunity to get questions answered by City staff and consultants who are working directly on the project
 - ▶ To provide opportunity to comment about the project
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Project History

- ▶ Starting Point
 - Aged (1950s era) structure
 - Two lanes; no sidewalk
 - Only load limited bridge in the City (18 tons)
 - ▶ Feb, 2009 – City received the initial VDOT Revenue Sharing allocation (50%VDOT – 50% City)
 - ▶ April,2010 – City Council awarded preliminary design contract
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Project History (Continued)

- ▶ **October, 2010 – Design alternatives presented to City Council**
 - ▶ **December, 2010 – Council selected preferred design**
 - ▶ **January, 2011 – City Council awarded final design contract**
 - ▶ **March, 2011 – informational meeting held**
 - ▶ **October, 2011 – required public hearing**
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Alternatives Considered

- ▶ Alternative 1 – “Replace in Place”
 - Install new bridge at same elevation at current bridge
 - Retain at grade pedestrian crossing over Fall Hill Avenue
- ▶ Alternative 2 – Elevated Bridge with a Pedestrian Underpass
 - New bridge approximately ten feet higher than current bridge
 - Pedestrian underpass links biking/hiking trails
 - Eliminates at grade crossing of Fall Hill Avenue

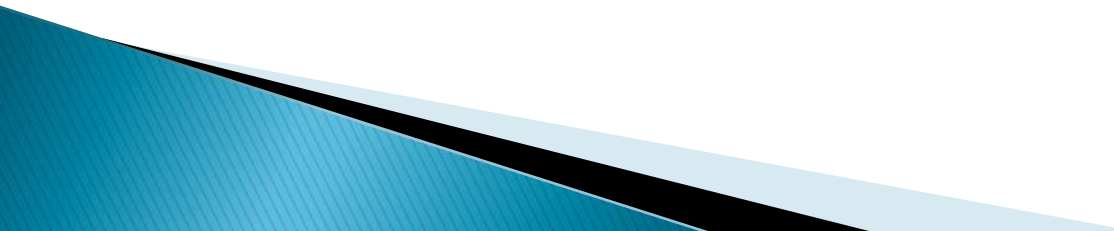
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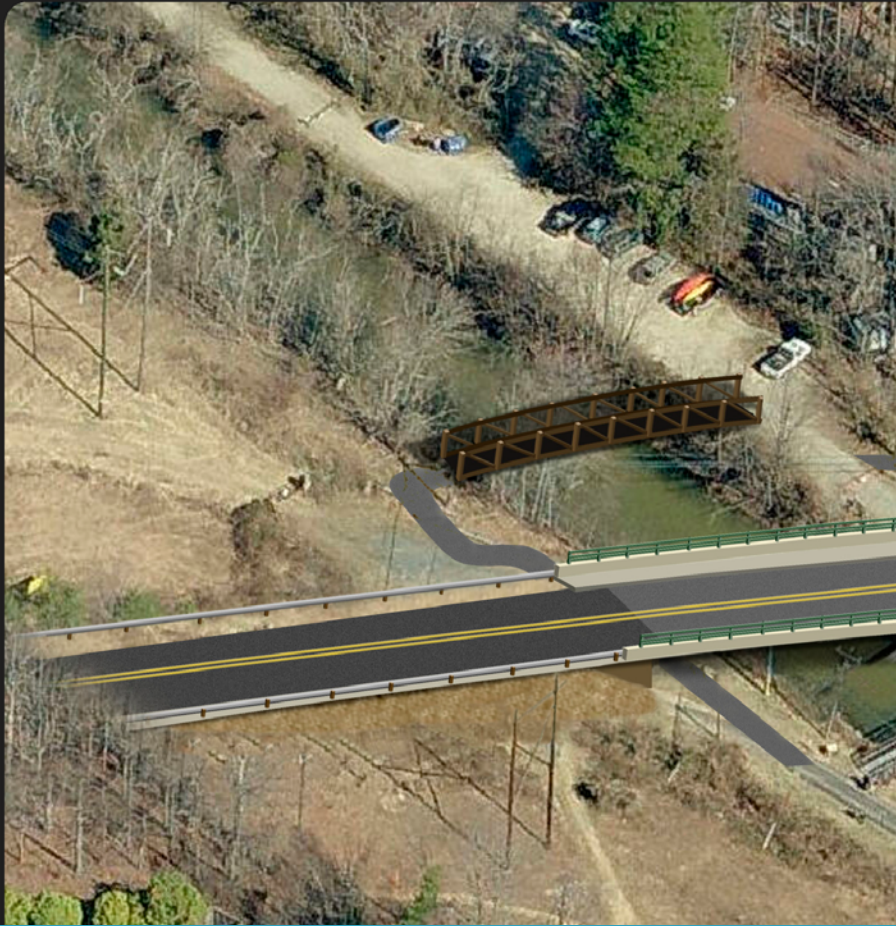




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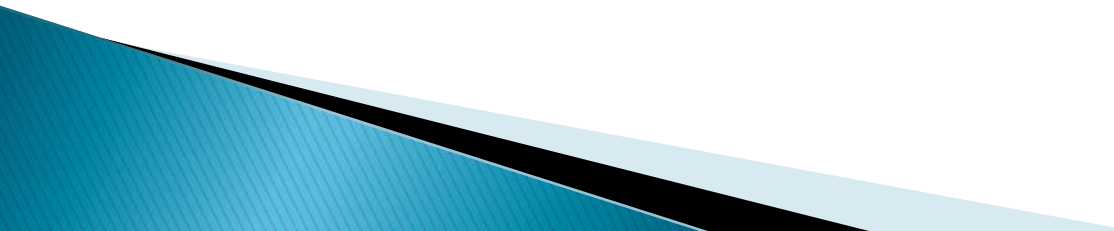
Proposed

- Two lane structure with sidewalk
 - Built in essentially the footprint of the current bridge
 - Elevated – to permit pedestrian trail crossing underneath
 - Second pedestrian bridge across Canal (west of FHA)
 - Includes trailhead parking, bicycle and pedestrian amenities
 - Estimated cost: \$2.86 million – \$3.065 million
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Major Issues

- ▶ Traffic management during construction period
 - ▶ Protection of sensitive environment and of historical/cultural resources (including the Canal)
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Right of Way Acquisition

- ▶ City staff and consulting engineers will soon (by December 31) approach owners of property from which right of way is needed
- ▶ All prescribed procedures will be followed (appraisal of value, bona fide offer, etc.)

[www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right_of_Way/
A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Right_of_Way/A_Guide_for_Property_Owners_and_Tenants.pdf)

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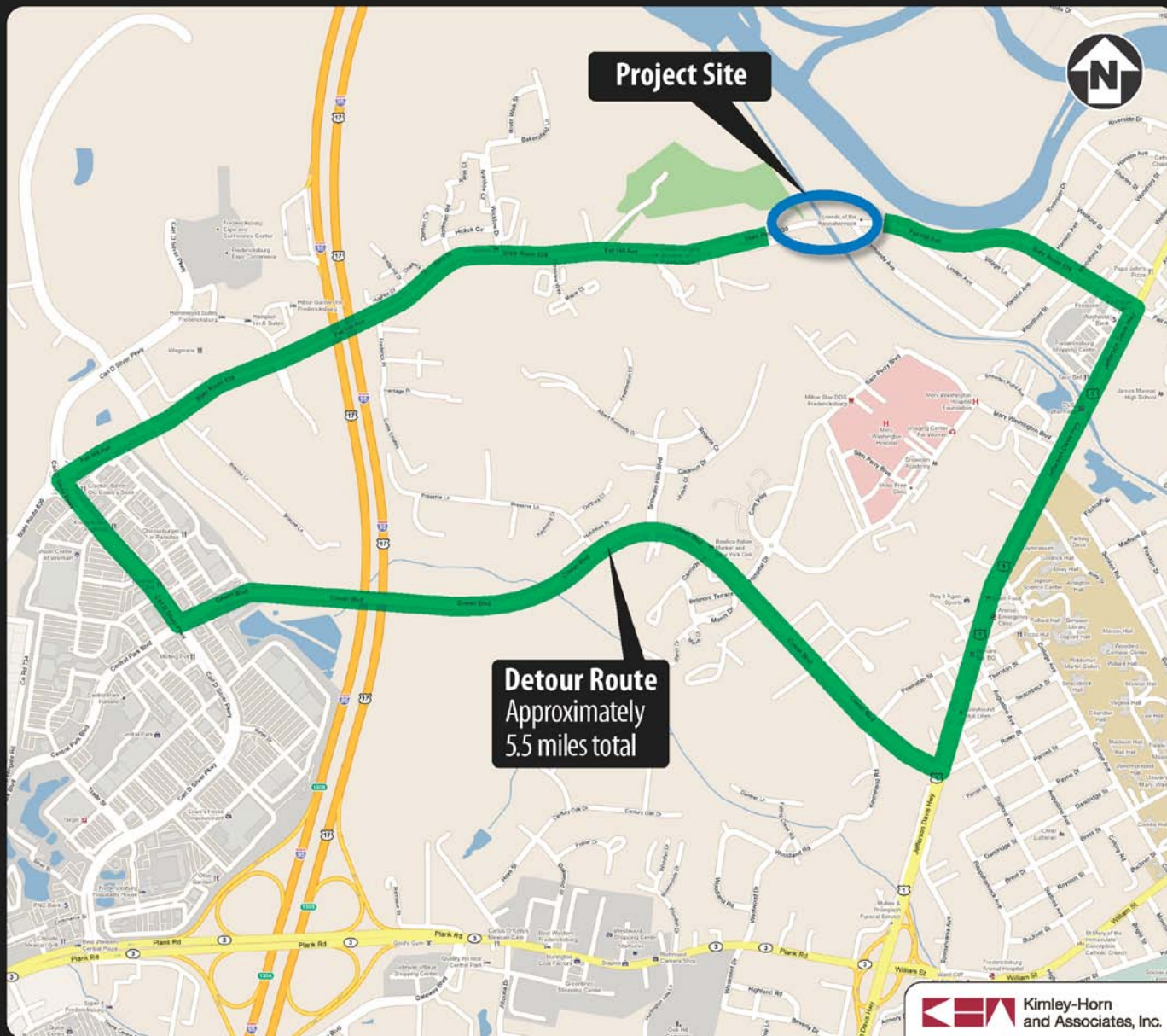
Project Schedule

- Now – Mid 2012
 - Complete engineering design
 - Complete required environmental/historical/cultural resources reports
 - Acquire right of way
 - Obtain necessary permits
 - Prepare construction contract documents
 - Award construction contract

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Project Schedule (continued)

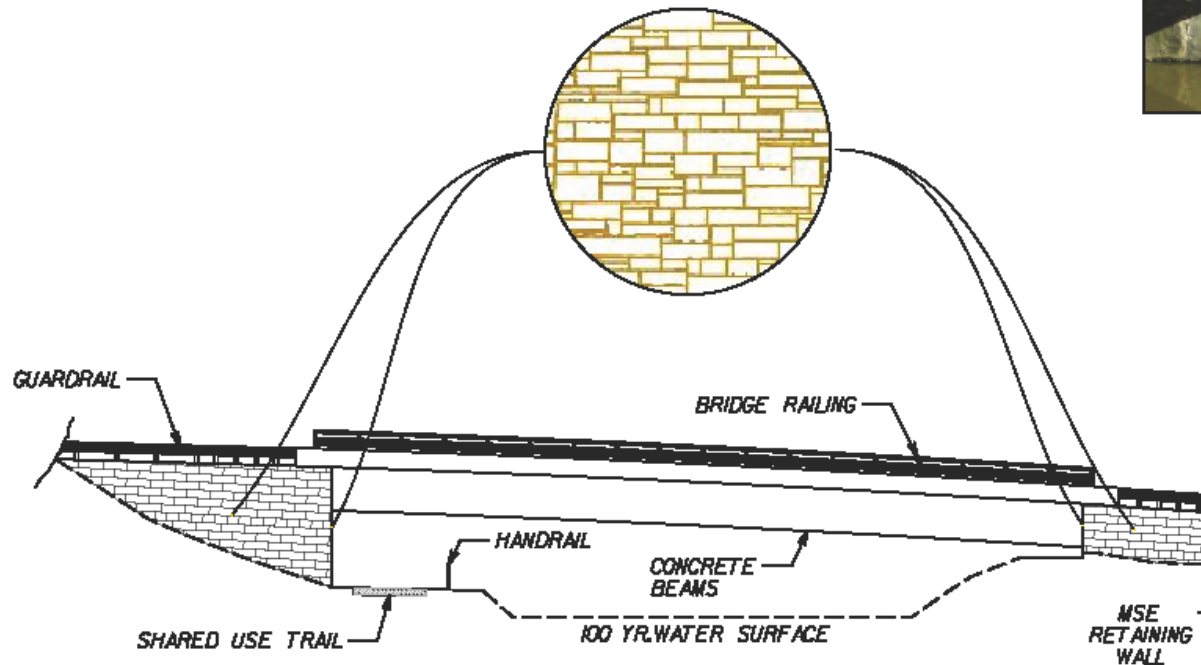
- Second half of 2012
 - Relocate utilities
 - Perform work not requiring closure of roadway
- January – November, 2013
 - Close roadway to traffic
 - Demolish existing bridge
 - Construct new bridge
- Thanksgiving, 2013
 - Construction completed
 - Fall Hill Avenue re-opened to traffic



Fall Hill Avenue over Rappahannock Canal Bridge Replacement Project

Proposed Detour Route
October 22, 2010

VENDER-PROVIDED EXAMPLE:
CUSTOM ROCK FORMLINER
PATTERN #12010 - MINEHAHA BLEND



PROPOSED FALL HILL AVENUE
BRIDGE OVER THE RAPPAHANNOCK CANAL
EXAMPLE OF CUSTOM CONCRETE PATTERN AND STAINING
FINAL PATTERN AND COLORS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE CITY OF
FREDERICKSBURG

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Public Input and Comment Options

- ▶ Complete and submit the comments sheet in the project brochure
- ▶ Mail written comments to the address shown on the last page of the brochure
- ▶ E-mail comments to the e-mail address shown on the last page of the brochure
- ▶ Provide verbal comments at this meeting

**Comments accepted through October 30, 2011
(if by mail, postmarked by that date)**



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**Project plans and other documents are
available for review at:**

City of Fredericksburg
Department of Public Works
City Hall
715 Princess Anne Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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